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| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | Application No. | Applicant(s) |  |
|                               | 10/743,976      | CHANG ET AL. |  |
|                               | Examiner        | Art Unit     |  |
|                               | N Edwards       | 1774         |  |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment of 12/22/03 and paper of 9/7/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20-26(renumbered as claim 1-7).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

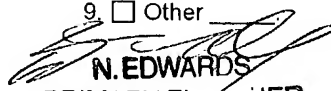
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other

  
**N. EDWARDS**  
 PRIMARY EXAMINER

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 Examiner  
 Art Unit: 1774

1. Applicant's election with traverse of group I claims 20-26, in the reply filed on 9/7/04 is acknowledged.
2. Applicant urges that 1) the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search in class 428.
3. Simply stated, applicant has failed to address the restriction of the merit as presented. Also applicant has failed to state the so called overlapping search is class 428 noting that there are at least about 200 subclass which clearly show an serious burden on the Examiner. The restriction clearly shows a separate classification, different field of search, and divergent subject matter (separate status in the art) which is prima facie showing of an serious burden on the Examiner. See MPEP 803.
4. Applicant urges that 2) an examination of one set of claim will require a search in the classes common to each set of claim.
5. Applicant has failed to state what search of which claims will require a search of what classes. See above for a further response. Applicant request to withdraw the restriction is denied.

The requirement is still deemed proper for reasons of record and is therefore made FINAL.

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.


IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 27-35 have been canceled.

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: there is no teaching or suggestion of a bicomponent fiber having a dtex, composition (PET, PTT, and copolyester), CCa, cross section, dtex spread, and shape as recited by claims 20 and 26.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Primary Examiner Edwards at telephone number 571-272-1521.

  
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